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***Proposed Bill No. 5305***

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XXVIII  
OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF  
CONNECTICUT CONCERNING THE LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES  
AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that the General  
2 Assembly shall not authorize an increase in general budget  
3 expenditures for any fiscal year above the amount of general budget  
4 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by a percentage  
5 which exceeds the greater of the percentage increase in personal  
6 income or the percentage increase in inflation, unless the Governor  
7 declares an emergency or the existence of extraordinary circumstances  
8 and at least three-fifths of the members of each house of the General  
9 Assembly vote to exceed such limit for the purposes of such  
10 emergency or extraordinary circumstances. "Increase in personal  
11 income" means the average of the annual increase in personal income  
12 in the state for each of the preceding five years, according to United  
13 States Bureau of Economic Analysis data; "increase in inflation" means

14 the increase in the consumer price index for urban consumers during  
15 the preceding twenty-four-month period ending December thirty-first  
16 of the calendar year preceding the fiscal year to which the budget  
17 relates, according to United States Bureau of Labor Statistics data; and  
18 "general budget expenditures" means expenditures from appropriated  
19 funds authorized by public or special act of the General Assembly,  
20 provided general budget expenditures shall not include expenditures  
21 for payment of the principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other  
22 evidences of indebtedness or expenditures pursuant to section 4-30a of  
23 the general statutes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the constitutional limitation on the amount of expenditures that may be authorized by the General Assembly by enacting legislation defining the terms "increase in personal income", "increase in inflation" and "general budget expenditures", provided such legislation is enacted with the approval of three-fifths of the members of each house of the General Assembly, as required by Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.